

**CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5:30 PM**

- I. **Call to Order** Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm
Present: Mayor Hass, D2 Alderperson M. Caylor, D4 Alderperson Fermanich, D7 Alderperson Weix Jr., D8 Alderperson Rutkowski, D6 Alderperson Sukow
Present Not Voting: City Administrator Akey, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Finance Director Ley, Enrichment Center Director Mrachek (remote), Facilities Maintenance Manager Brunett, Fire Chief Klug, Library Director Ollhoff, Park & Recreation Director Wendorf, Police Chief Bennett, Street Superintendent Bonack, Transit Director Brummond, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Pastor Justin - Our Saviours Lutheran Church
Excused: D1 Alderperson Andrew Caylor, D3 Alderperson Nathan Meyer, D5 Alderperson Holdorf
- II. **Roll Call** Roll call was taken. 6 out of 9 were in attendance.
- III. **Public Comment** There was no public comment.
- IV. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**
 1. **Consider the minutes from the October 28, 2025 meeting.** - (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D2 Alderperson M. Caylor) motion/second to place minutes on file. The motion passed.
- V. **General Agenda Items for Consideration**
 1. **Presentation on 2027 Capital Budget requests** - Finance Director Ley handed out additional information at the meeting with revisions. 2027 Capital project requests were presented by the Department Head. Questions were answered. On August 25, the presentations will begin with number 14 on the project request list.
- VI. **Next Budget meeting: Tuesday, August 25th at 5:00 pm**
- VII. **Closed Session**
 1. **The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; to discuss and receive an update of contract negotiations regarding the EMS contract.** - The closed session language was read by City Clerk Anderson-Malm. (D2 Alderperson M. Caylor/D7 Alderperson Weix) motion/second to go into closed session. Roll call was taken, and the motion passed on a 6/0 vote. The committee entered into closed session at 6:20 pm with the following in attendance: Common Council members, Mayor Hass, Finance Director Ley, City Administrator Akey, Police Chief Klug. City Clerk Anderson-Malm recorded

minutes without objection. D1 Alderperson A. Caylor joined the closed session at 6:21 pm. The committee received an update of contract negotiations regarding the EMS contract.

VIII. Reconvene in Open Session

- 1. The Committee may reconvene in open session for possible action related to the closed session item. -**

IX. Adjournment (D2 Alderperson M. Caylor/D7 Alderperson Weix Jr.) motion/second to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned from closed session at 6:41 pm.

Minutes submitted by City Clerk Anderson-Malm

Minutes are in draft form until approved at the next scheduled meeting